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REPORT.

STATE TAX.

Paid Peter Sanborn, State Treasurer,	\$2,002 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid Thomas Nute, County Treasurer,	1,903 53
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Amount paid State and County,	<u>\$3,905 53</u>
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SCHOOLS.

School District No. 1	\$150 66
" " " 2	192 00
" " " 3	63 17
" " " 4	65 00
" " " 5	107 40
" " " 6	97 11
" " " 7	73 07
" " " 8	95 67
" " " 9	217 50
" " " 10	71 77
" " " 11	50 20
	<u>\$1,183 55</u>
Heirs of Edmund B. Tibbetts, school tax,	90
	<u>\$1,184 45</u>

TOWN PAUPERS.

N. H. Asylum, for support of Harriet S. Cook, 1 year to Feb. 1, 1870,	\$209 24
Jacob Ballard, for support of Widow Betsey Dame, from Feb. to April 16, 1869, at \$2 per week,	15 43
Rosemandal Young, for board of Betsey Dame, 45 weeks and 5 days, at \$1.50 per week,	68 56
Hiram R. Waldron, for board of Daniel Quimby, from Feb. 14, 1869, to March 1, 1870, 54 weeks, at \$1.75 per week,	94 50
Mary Wentworth, 54 weeks,	94 50
Jane Waldron, 54 weeks,	54 00
Louisa Nutter, 8 weeks at \$1.75 per week,	14 00
Louisa Nutter, 46 at \$1.25 per week,	57 50
C. R. Drake, for support of Widow Sally Philbrick,	54 00
Sally Allen, for support of child of Benjamin Allen, 1 year from Feb. 14, 1869,	39 00
George W. Goodwin, for 4 cords wood delivered Rhoda McDan- iels,	10 00
Hiram R. Waldron, for 1 bushel meal delivered Rhoda McDan- iels,	1 50
Joseph M. Woodman, for R. K. Witham,	6 19

Amount carried forward,

\$718 42

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$718 42	
Daniel Campernell, for supplies furnished R. McDaniels,	54 39	
Charles A. Varney, for goods furnished Rhoda McDaniels,	3 24	
A. J. Milliken, for goods furnished Rhoda McDaniels,	11 36	
Samuel W. Roberts, for medical services rendered Daniel Quimby,	6 50	
Hiram R. Waldron and others, for support of Sundry Paupers,	18 95	
<i>Amount paid for town Paupers,</i>		\$812 86

COUNTY PAUPERS.

N. H. Asylum, for support of Ann Conoly 1 year,	\$251 56	
Alpheus Wiggin, for support of Polly Cloutman and Hadassah Seavey, from Feb. 15, 1869, to March 1, 1870,	180 42	
Rosemandel Young, for board of David Campernell 9 weeks and 2 days, to March 1, 1870,	27 84	
Thomas Chapman and others, for supplies furnished Charles Bickford,	83 20	
Noah Robinson and John L. Perkins, for board of Nancy Edgerly,	110 41	
Hiram R. Waldron and others, for board and clothes of Moses Copp,	113 31	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$766 74

Amount brought forward, \$766 74

Stephen D. Hutchins, board of William Copp, in winter of 1869,	50 00
John L. Swinerton and others, for support of Nicholas Brown in spring of 1869,	53 45
Hiram R. Waldron, for 54 weeks' board, for Nathaniel Burbank to March 1, 1870,	94 50
Hiram R. Waldron, 11 weeks' board for David Campernell,	19 25

Amount paid for support of County Paupers, from Feb. 15, 1869, to March 1, 1870,	\$983 94
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PAID ON OUTSTANDING PAUPER BILLS DUE PRIOR TO
FEB. 20, 1869.

John L. Swinerton, for medical services for Charles Jordan,	35 00
George W. Hersey, for Charles Kimball,	32 00
S. S. Parker, for support of Abby Wentworth,	50 00
H. R. King, for Charles Kimball,	10 00
Jeremiah L. Brown, for medical services for Abby Wentworth,	11 50
R. B. Foss, for medical atten- dance for Jenness boy,	27 00
	\$165 50

ABATEMENTS. — 1864.

I. T. Clark, William E. Tucker,	
Poll tax,	\$4 95

1865.

Chesley Jenness,	8 95	
J. D. Watson,	3 51	
		\$12 46

I. T. Clark, for the year 1866, the following Abate-
ments: —

John H. Glidden,	\$6 05	
Aaron Nichols,	8 10	
Asa G. Wentworth,	2 04	
Chesley Jenness,	6 81	
Elijah Lock,	6 75	
		\$29 75

To paid I. T. Clark, for the following Abatements,
for the year 1867: —

George W. Bickford,	\$4 08	
Asa M. Farnham,	7 31	
Isaiah Moulton,	4 08	
James L. Wentworth,	13 70	
Richard F. D. Sibley,	4 08	
George A. Brown,	4 08	
Asa M. Farnham, 2d,	4 08	
Aaron Nichols,	7 31	
Eliphalet Willey,	62	
Amount,		\$49 34

To paid I. T. Clark, for the following Abatements
for the year 1868: —

To	Oliver L. Allen,	\$3 15
	George W. Bickford,	3 15
	Joseph E. Campernell,	4 41
	James Tuttle, over-taxed,	3 15
	Charles S. Fellows,	3 15
	Melvin D. Folsom,	3 15
	Benjamin Horn,	1 15
	Chesley Jenness, Jr.,	3 15
	Edward Mason,	3 15
	Nathaniel Piper,	3 15
	Ebenezer Smith,	6 80
	John W. Sanborn, error in as-	
	essment,	4 20
	Stephen Waldron,	50
	Henry Wentworth,	3 15
	Sally Watson,	1 05
	Isaac Welch, dog-tax,	1 00
	Asa Bean Lot,	72
	Levi M. Ames,	3 15
	George A. Brown,	3 15
	Abigail Cook,	3 78
	Frank E. Davis,	3 15
	Joseph F. Fernald,	3 15
	Rufus K. Hanson,	3 15
	Levi Huntress,	3 15
	Levi B. Johnson,	3 15
	John S. Nason,	3 15
	Sally Sanborn,	2 10
	John R. Princeton,	3 15
	E. B. Tibbetts, heirs of,	2 09
	Phineas Wentworth,	3 15
	Lyman Wentworth,	3 15
	Stephen M. Willey,	2 68
	George E. Wentworth,	3 15
	John Churchill,	2 38
	Amount,	—

\$99 01

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Benjamin Randall,	\$1 50
Samuel Cook,	18 50
John W. Evans,	5 00
John W. Kimball,	2 27
Joseph G. Evans,	9 00
Davis Mayhew,	6 00
Charles Moulton,	2 55
Edwin P. Farnham,	1 67
Daniel Campernell,	3 67
Charles H. Smith,	8 17
William Gowen,	1 67
Calvin Farnham,	1 00
James D. Hutchins,	1 00
Charles F. Rines,	4 48
George H. Gage,	2 35
Stephen D. Hutchins,	2 00
John R. Downs,	2 00
Ira I. Thompson,	7 00
Hiram R. Waldron,	8 54
Samuel B. Champion,	3 00
Alfred G. Young,	3 00
Nathaniel Paul,	3 00
Charles Dore,	8 12
John F. Weeks,	1 50
William B. Wentworth,	7 00
Daniel Young,	4 50
Madison S. Wentworth,	6 50
Joshua Brooks,	7 75
Thomas Wood,	1 33
Simon Fernald,	4 67
James Young,	3 25
Isaac T. Clark,	75
Phineas J. Weeks,	1 50

Amount carried forward,

\$144 24

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$144 24
Jacob Lock,	1 50
John C. Waldron,	13 50
Brackett M. Weeks,	7 75
Peter Cook,	14 50
Charles A. Weeks,	8 25
Algernon S. Weeks,	14 17
James Tuttle,	6 00
James W. Shorey,	4 25
Burrows Drew,	2 17
James L. Wentworth,	1 50
Sylvester M. Cooper,	10 75
James and William E. Tucker,	12 00
Phineas Wentworth,	3 75
David W. C. Wentworth,	3 00
Mayhew C. Davis,	4 75
F. A. Leighton,	1 50
Jonathan M. Burley,	11 39
A. T. Wentworth,	1 50
George L. Wentworth,	10 50
John Dore, 2d,	11 67
Nathan J. Weeks,	2 50
Nahum Nason,	7 25
J. W. Hanson,	2 25
Joseph Hanson,	3 75
George F. Sceggell,	4 50
Charles F. Rines,	6 50
Reuben L. Cooper,	6 75
Samuel G. Wentworth,	4 50
Thomas C. Young,	5 00
A. T. Wentworth,	1 50
James Young,	3 50
Joseph H. Allen,	18 50
John Gilman,	14 25

Amount carried forward,

\$359 39

Amount brought forward, \$359 39

Samuel B. Ames, for work on	
Dore Hill,	13 50
Charles E. Brackett,	52 48
John G. Sanborn,	42 76
Ira Hanson,	18 00
Nathaniel Meserve,	47 32
John Howell,	19 62
S. B. Ames, for work in Dis. 15,	21 00
Andrew Whittemore,	4 50
John W. Sanborn,	25 16
Samuel C. Horn,	29 75
William A. Maleham,	21 50
John W. Mathes,	11 84
John W. Mathes,	28 36
John A. Cook,	34 50
James McN. Cook,	32 75
Peter Cook,	425 00
Thomas L. Wentworth,	75
J. M. Woodman,	8 17

\$1,206 35

PAID ON OUTSTANDING ROAD BILLS.

Luther G. Cate, for bridge plank	
and repairing road at Union,	\$176 53
Jay H. and Charles H. Hall, 24	
days' work,	33 00
John Sanborn, for 6 days' work,	9 00
Charles E. More, for plank,	12 42

220 95

Witham & Gerrish,	372 84
John Davis,	25 00

397 84

Whole amount for repairing roads
and bridges,

\$1,825 14

TOWN DEBT.

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

William A. Maleham,	\$71 50
William Sawyer, interest,	6 00
Mahala Dunell, interest,	30 40
Mary Garland, interest,	24 00
Calvin Sanborn, interest,	53 33
John Paul, interest,	24 00
Armin D. Paul, note and interest,	651 07
Frank Hobbs, interest,	8 11
Frank Hobbs, note,	306 90
George W. Dyce, interest,	7 24
Jacob S. Adams, interest,	44 16
George W. Dyce, note,	100 00
Betsy S. Hutchins, interest,	15 04
Z. S. Perkins, interest,	46 66
Sarah A. Quimby, interest,	13 68
John Clark, interest,	80 00
Calvin Sanborn, note and interest,	319 46
Calvin Sanborn, note and interest,	402 38
Calvin Sanborn, note and interest,	102 66
Calvin Sanborn, note and interest,	2,146 66
Alvah H. Sawyer, note and interest,	108 00
Samuel Yeaton, interest,	19 46
John G. Sanborn, interest,	6 21
Joseph B. Wiggin, interest,	60 00
Hannah J. Abbott, note and interest,	1,090 59
John W. Sanborn, Executor of will of Harriet Sanborn,	104 00
Lydia Gilman, note and interest,	492 48

Amount carried forward,

\$6,333 99

Amount carried forward,

\$6,333 99

Augustine Conant, note and interest,	5,359 00
Oliver Seavey, in part of note,	100 00
John S. Nason, interest for use of money,	27 50
Martha B. Horn, in part of note,	100 00
Frank J. Berry, note and interest in full,	465 34
George Gage, in full, note and interest,	260 49
E. H. Paul, interest,	8 40
Nathaniel Paul, interest,	82 40
Sally C. Weeks, note and interest,	201 30
Amasa Copp, for J. S. Adams's note,	599 46
Lydia Burley, note and interest,	973 68
Betsey L. Hutchins, interest,	28 00
A. S. Weeks, interest,	4 90
William E. Tucker, for bounty,	251 00
William R. Cook, note and interest,	169 56
J. H. Hobbs, in part of note,	100 00
Robert Sawyer, note and interest,	424 65
Sally M. Wiggin, interest,	64 00
Sally M. Wiggin, balance on 2 notes,	1,063 09
Amasa Copp, note in full,	338 25
Amasa Copp, interest,	43 84
Whole amount paid on Notes, from Feb. 20, 1869, to March 1, 1870, ———	\$16,998 85

Paid	John W. Evans,	-	-	\$5 10
"	Joseph G. Evans,	-	-	10 52
"	Charles Moulton,	-	-	7 00
"	Nathaniel Garland,	-	-	10 71
"	Sarah Kimball,	-	-	7 49
				\$40 82

Paid	William A. Maleham,	\$17 05
"	Otis Wiswall,	9 48
"	A. S. Weeks,	13 68
"	S. H. Smith,	6 55
"	Charles H. Smith,	1 80
"	Joseph Maleham,	8 52
		\$57 18

Paid	Samuel Cook,	-	-	\$17 40
"	Joseph H. Allen,	-	-	5 70
"	James Tuttle,	-	-	13 10
"	Jane Cook,	-	-	6 07
"	Andrew Whittemore,	-	-	14 07
"	James McN. Cook,	-	-	10 09
				\$66 43

Paid	Peter Cook,	-	-	\$22 50
"	Robert A. Cook,	-	-	8 40
"	George L. Wentworth,	-	-	31 09
"	George F. Sceggell,	-	-	2 70
"	Isaac D. Watson,	-	-	8 53
"	John A. Cook,	-	-	31 79
"	Joseph B. Wiggin,	-	-	12 00
"	John W. Mathes,	-	-	39 92
				\$156 93

Dist. No. 5 — HIRAM PAUL, *Acting Surveyor.*

Paid	Hiram Paul,	-	-	\$9 00	
"	George H. Wiggin,	-	-	9 72	
"	John T. Varney,	-	-	2 70	
"	John W. Sanborn,	-	-	6 95	
"	Elizabeth B. Wiggin,	-	-	6 28	
"	Daniel Brackett,	-	-	4 04	
"	Alvah H. Sawyer,	-	-	9 02	
"	Jonathan Quimby,	-	-	50	
"	Henry D. Lane,	-	-	1 50	
"	John Gilman, 2d,	-	-	3 00	
					\$52 71

Dist. No. 6 — HENRY CHASE, *Surveyor.*

Paid	Henry Chase,	-	-	\$11 21	
"	Nathaniel H. Cook,	-	-	12 26	
"	Jonathan M. Burley,	-	-	18 36	
"	James W. Hill,	-	-	5 50	
"	Asa W. Hill,	-	-	5 25	
"	Moses Perkins,	-	-	10 48	
					\$63 05

Dist. No. 7 — SAMUEL C. HORNE, *Surveyor.*

Paid	Samuel C. Horne,	-	-	\$12 86	
"	Joshua Wyman,	-	-	13 29	
"	George W. Wyman,	-	-	12 86	
					\$39 01

Dist. No. 8 — CHARLES CHAPMAN, *Surveyor.*

Paid	Charles Chapman,	-	-	\$4 00	
"	Eben Chapman,	-	-	11 00	
"	George W. Hutchins,	-	-	1 05	
"	Robert Moulton,	-	-	4 64	
"	Herschell Moulton,	-	-	5 31	
"	Jeremiah Ricker,	-	-	7 66	
"	Charles E. Brackett,	-	-	6 46	
					\$40 12

Dist. No. 9 — NATHANIEL PAUL, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Nathaniel Paul,	-	-	\$14	34	
"	Nahum Nason,	-	-	10	00	
"	Andrew J. Robinson,	-	-	4	00	
"	John Paul,	-	-		80	
"	Enoch D. Yeaton,	-	-		70	
						\$29 84

Dist. No. 10 — ISAAC T. CLARK, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Isaac T. Clark,	-	-	\$21	51	
"	John Clark,	-	-	3	32	
"	Phineas J. Weeks,	-	-	10	11	
"	Nathan J. Weeks,	-	-	3	74	
"	Jacob Lock,	-	-	6	92	
"	William G. Allen,	-	-	4	95	
"	Brackett M. Weeks,	-	-	1	51	
"	John F. Weeks,	-	-	5	49	
"	Charles J. Cottle,	-	-	2	92	
						\$60 46

Dist. No. 11 — NATHANIEL MESERVE, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Nathaniel Meserve,	-	-	\$16	44	
"	John C. Philbrick,	-	-	8	80	
"	George W. Seward,	-	-	10	10	
"	Turner N. Seward,	-	-	11	20	
"	Jacob Ballard,	-	-	11	60	
"	Peter H. Campernell,	-	-	7	43	
"	John F. Campernell,	-	-	2	60	
"	Stephen A. Wentworth,	-	-	8	60	
"	Joseph E. Campernell,	-	-		50	
"	John H. Glidden,	-	-		50	
						\$77 77

Dist. No. 13 — ALFRED G. YOUNG, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Alfred G. Young, -	\$5 95	
"	Timothy Davis, -	5 40	
"	James Young, -	8 48	
"	George A. Wentworth, -	6 51	
"	Thomas L. Wentworth, -	1 84	
		—	\$28 18

Dist. No. 14 — HIRAM W. HUTCHINS, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Hiram W. Hutchins, -	\$15 45	
"	Joseph Spinney, -	80	
"	James T. Spinney, -	9 24	
"	John Hanson, -	80	
"	John F. Garland, -	12 58	
		—	\$38 87

Dist. No. 15 — SAMUEL B. AMES, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Samuel B. Ames, -	\$12 00	
"	Ira Hanson, -	14 72	
		—	\$26 72

Dist. No. 16 — JOHN HOWELL, *Surveyor*.

Paid	John Howell, -	\$15 96	
"	Ira J. Thompson, -	2 30	
"	Alpheus Nutter, -	1 00	
"	Charles Dore, -	3 50	
		—	\$22 76

Dist. No. 17 — JOSHUA BROOK, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Joshua Brook, -	\$12 50	
"	Alphens Nutter, -	12 50	
"	Morrill B. Smith, -	15 00	
		—	\$40 00

Dist. No. 18 — CALVIN SANBORN, *Surveyor.*

Paid Calvin Sanborn,	\$1 50	
" John F. Farnham,	4 80	
" George H. Gage,	3 52	
" Richmond Richards,	3 50	
		\$13 32

Dist. No. 19 — WILLIAM B. WENTWORTH, *Surveyor.*

Paid William B. Wentworth,	\$15 70	
" Daniel Campernell,	8 83	
" Daniel Young,	14 79	
" Peter C. Young,	65	
" Simon Fernald,	13 97	
		\$53 94

Dist. No. 20 — EBENEZER GARVIN, *Surveyor.*

Paid Ebenezer Garvin,	\$13 42	
" Nathan Libbey,	5 27	
		\$18 69

Dist. No. 21 — JOSIAH WIGGIN, *Surveyor.*

Paid Josiah Wiggin,	\$6 76	
" Hiram P. Manson,	2 00	
" Frank J. Wiggin,	7 68	
" Heirs of Edward West,	4 50	
		\$20 94

Dist. No. 22 — ALPHEUS WIGGIN, *Surveyor.*

Paid Alpheus Wiggin,	\$4 15	
" George Horne,	4 69	
" Thomas Cloutman,	5 99	
" Joshua Cloutman,	1 20	
" Timothy H. Cloutman,	30	
" John G. Sanborn,	6 45	
" Nathaniel D. Leavitt,	30	
" William W. Berry,	1 80	
		\$24 88

Dist. No. 23 — JAMES P. FELLOWS, *Surveyor*.

Paid	F. J. Fellows,	\$5 95	
"	William K. Fellows,	3 24	
"	James P. Fellows,	9 28	
"	Isaac N. Fellows,	7 61	
"	Samuel F. Cummings,	1 80	
"	George F. Piper,	9 48	
"	Benjamin Randall,	5 64	
"	Charles W. Page,	9 55	
"	John K. Fellows,	1 05	
"	Noah K. Nutter,	7 99	
"	John R. Downs,	1 00	
"	Benjamin C. Fellows,	70	
			\$63 29

Dist. No. 25 — CALVIN FARNHAM, *Surveyor*.

Paid	Calvin Farnham,	\$11 48	
"	James Pickering,	3 84	
"	John Copp,	4 01	
"	Aziah C. Willey,	21 81	
			\$41 14

Dist. No. 26 — SYLVESTER M. COOPER, *Surveyor*.

Paid	S. M. Cooper,	\$12 47	
"	John & Marston Ames,	5 72	
"	Samuel B. Chamion,	11 00	
			\$29 19

Dist. No. 27 — Paid John Gilman, \$5 00

Dist. No. 28 — JOHN C. WALDRON, *Surveyor*.

Paid	John C. Waldron,	\$10 14	
"	Samuel G. Wentworth,	16 00	
"	Phineas Wentworth,	12 60	
"	Joseph Hanson,	11 55	
"	David W. C. Wentworth,	5 06	
			\$55 35

Dist. No. 29 — TIMOTHY C. BURLEY, *Surveyor*.

Paid James D. Hutchins,	\$8 70	
" Timothy C. Burley,	4 72	
" Luther G. Cate,	23 80	
" Jay H. Hall,	1 54	
" Charles H. Hall,	1 54	
		\$40 30

Dist. No. 30 — Paid Charles F. Rines, \$7 89

Dist. No. 31 — LEANDER W. LARY, *Surveyor*.

Paid Leander W. Lary,	\$13 62	
" George P. Dow,	13 59	
" James W. Shorey,	8 57	
" Hubartes Neal,	5 91	
" Satchel Weeks,	50	
		\$42 19

Dist. No 32 — HIRAM JONES, *Surveyor*.

Paid Hiram Jones,	\$7 36	
" John Farnham,	13 61	
" Mark N. Sibley,	13 04	
" Eben C. Farnham,	65	
		\$34 66

BREAKING ROADS, 1867-8.

Paid Lewis Roberts, for breaking road,	\$9 35	
" Jonah Wiggin,	13 77	
" Rufus Hanson,	5 00	
" Joseph Bradley, for 1867,	2 94	
" Joseph Maleham, 1868,	5 01	
" Robert A. Cook, for 1867-8,	8 00	

Amount carried forward, \$44 07

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$44 07	
" John G. Sanborn, for 1867-8,	9 00	
" Joseph Smith, for 1868-9,	9 78	
" William A. Maleham, for 1868,	11 02	
" Joshua Wyman, for 1868,	10 44	
" Samuel C. Horne, " "	10 39	
" George W. Wyman, for 1868,	8 55	
" Isaac D. Watson, for 1868,	8 27	
" Elisha Rollins, for 1868,	6 93	
		\$118 45

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Samuel W. Roberts,	\$17 91
" Charles W. Nute,	17 91

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Joseph B. Wiggin, Auditor,	\$2 00
" Charles W. Page, "	2 00
" John W. Mathes, watering place,	3 00
" Turner N. Seward, "	3 00
" John Gilman, "	3 00
" Goldthwait & Brown, for glass, putty, and paid	
" Jackson Horn, for repair- ing Town House,	2 14
" Goldthwait & Brown, for sheeting for Mrs. Dame,	1 19
" E. G. Lane, stationery, etc.,	7 95
" Canney & Co., express,	2 05
" E. Garvin, for Treasurer's book,	1 70
" John W. Mathes, abatement for loss of horse, --	2 25

Amount carried forward, \$30 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$30 23	
" James Tuttle, abatement for loss of horse, ox, and cow,	1 70	
" Libbey & Co., for printing town accounts,	56 00	
" J. B. Wiggin, abatement for loss on cow,	84	
" Benjamin Randall, for loss on cow,	72	
" Rufus Hanson, for 1 day on bridge,	2 00	
" Goldthwait & Brown, sta- tionery,	36	
" Goldthwait & Brown, for pauper,	3 62	
		\$95 52

ABATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1869.

Paid George H. Gage, for Warren E. Bur- rows,	\$3 40	
" Abigail Cook,	3 18	
" Asa M. Farnham,	5 67	
" Nathaniel Piper,	3 40	
" A. L. Wiggin,	2 00	
" Joseph Bocock,	4 40	
" Charles Chase,	3 40	
" Levi B. Johnson,	3 40	
" Joseph Wentworth,	3 40	
Amount of Abatements,		\$32 25

Paid George H. Gage, for sundry persons non-resident, highway taxes, paid in labor,		\$38 58
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PAID FOR SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Nathaniel Barker, superintending	
School Committee,	\$22 00
Charles A. Varney,	4 00
William Sawyer, Town Clerk,	17 27
Ebenezer Garvin, Treasurer,	10 00
Elijah Wadleigh, Selectman, 1869,	
Feb. 26, one-half day at Dover,	1 00
March 13, one-half day at office,	1 00
" 20, " " " "	1 00
" 26, " " " Dover,	1 00
April 2 days, taking inventory,	4 00
" 6 days, making taxes,	12 00
" 2 days at office,	4 00
" 28, making tax-list for Col- lector,	2 00
May 12, distributing Surveyor-books,	1 00
" 2 days at office,	4 00
June 21, one-half day to Horn's mill road,	1 00
" 28, one-half day, copying in- ventory,	5 00
Oct. 5, 1 day to N. Wakefield,	2 00
" 6, one-half day on roads,	1 00
" 7, 1 day on roads,	2 00
" 9, one-half day on roads,	1 00
" 12, 1 day at N. Wakefield,	2 00
" one-half day at office, to draw jury,	1 00
" 18, 1 day getting affidavit in pauper case,	2 00
" 21, 1 day at Ossipee, settling bills,	3 00
" 25, 1 day at Ossipee,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	\$107 27

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$107 27
Dec. 15, " " "	3 00
" 18, fixing jury list,	1 00
Feb. 10, carrying money to pay	
Conant note to Boston,	1 50
" 28, 5 days settling town acts.,	10 00

Ebenezer Garvin, Selectman, 1869,	
March 20, one-half day at office,	\$1 00
" 27, " " " "	1 00
" 29, trip to Union,	1 00
April, 7 days taking Inventory,	14 00
" 5 days at office,	10 00
" 20 and 24, 2 days at office,	4 00
May 27, 1 day at office, relative to	
County Paupers,	2 00
June 22, trip Horn's Mill, to exam-	
ine road,	1 00
June 28, 1 day with horse to hire	
money,	2 00
September 9, trip to Parsonfield, to	
see Mr. Nutter,	2 50
October 7, trip to N. Wakefield,	2 00
" 8, trip to Woodman's Mill,	1 00
" 9, half day at office,	1 00
" 12, half day at office,	1 00
" 28, trip to N. Wakefield	
to examine road,	1 00
November 9, half day at office,	1 00
" 25, 1 day collecting bills,	2 00
December 18, revising Jury list,	1 00
" 24, trip to Woodman's	
Mill,	2 00
Paid, for setting glass in Town House,	13

Amount carried forward,

\$173 40

1870.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$173 40
January 1, half day at office,	1 00
“ 2, trip to Acton to hire money,	2 00
January 4, 1 day examining records, relative to the settlement of Betsey Dame,	2 00
January 8, 1 day at north part of town collecting bills,	2 00
February 12, half day at office,	1 00
“ 16, 1 day with Mr. Wadleigh, to settle bills,	2 00
February 18, 19, 2 half days at office,	2 00
“ 6 days at office,	12 00
Paid J. McN. Cook, Selectman, 1869.	
March 20, half day at office,	1 00
“ 27, half day at office,	1 00
April, 4 days taking Inventory,	8 00
“ 5 days making taxes,	10 00
“ 16, half day removing Pauper to James Young,	1 00
April 20, 1 day at office,	2 00
“ work on Surveyor's list,	1 00
“ 24, 1 day at office,	2 00
“ 29, 1 day distributing Surveyor's list,	2 00
May 1, half day at office,	1 00
“ dividing school money,	1 00
June 21, 1 day at Horn's Mill, on road,	2 00
June, half day “ “ “	1 00
October 9, half day at office,	1 00
“ 12, half day at office,	1 00

Amount carried forward,

\$232 40

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$232 40
October 16, half day at office,	1 00
“ 25, 1 day at Ossipee, settling Pauper bills,	3 00
December 15, 1 day at Ossipee, settling Pauper bills,	3 00
December 18, half day at office, revising Jury list,	1 00
1870.	
January 8, half day at north part of town,	1 00
Februray, settling bills 6 days,	12 00
<i>Amount paid for services of Town officers,</i>	\$250 40

BY RECEIVED.

1869.

April 10, of Lydia Burley, on Town Note,	\$973 68
“ 13, “ Amasa Copp, “ “	2,000 00
“ 21, “ Lydia Gilman, “ “	456 00
“ 27, “ Calvin Sanborn, “ “	300 00
May 15, “ Harriet Sanborn, “ “	100 00
“ 15, “ Moses B. Canney, “ “	500 00
Sept. 9, “ Joseph Maleham, “ “	300 00
“ 25, “ Frank Hobbs, “ “	500 00
“ 27, “ Albert L. Dow, “ “	100 00
“ 30, “ Amasa Copp, “ “	330 00
Oct. 20, “ Calvin Sanborn, “ “	100 00
Dec. 11, “ Jacob Lock, “ “	100 00
“ 11, “ Nathan J. Weeks, “ “	100 00
Apr. 15, “ Sally C. Weeks, “ “	200 00
1870.	
Jan. 1, “ William H. Lord, “ “	200 00
“ “ “ John Clark, “ “	100 00

Amount carried forward, \$6.059 68

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$6,059 68
Jan. 1,	of Hiram Lord, on Town Note,	550 00
" 12,	" Sylvester G. Canney, "	500 00
" 28,	" Lyman Buzzell, " "	550 00
Feb. 7,	" John G. Sanborn, " "	2,000 00
" "	" Amasa Copp, " "	1,000 00
" 19,	" Calvin Sanborn, " "	1,000 00
" "	" Martin L. Sanborn, " "	500 00
" "	" Amy W. Sanborn, " "	1,000 00
" 21,	" James H. Buzzell, " "	1,000 00
" 23,	" Laura A. Weeks, " "	100 00
" 24,	" Armine D. Paul, " "	650 00
" 19,	" Calvin Sanborn, " "	300 00
Of State Treasurer, U. S. Bounty,		90 00
"	Savings Bank fund,	181 06
"	Literary fund,	59 27
"	William Sawyer,	28 74
"	George L. Wentworth, for old iron,	2 45
"	County of Carroll,	979 04
"	William A. Maleham,	71 50
"	Treasurer of 1868,	943 14
"	Collector for 1864,	4 95
"	" " 1865,	19 51
"	" " 1866,	58 49
"	" " 1867,	375 00
"	" " 1868,	1,721 00
"	" " 1869,	8,689 79
		\$28,733 62
Amount received by the Treasurer,		\$28,733 62
"	paid out to March 1, 1870,	27,934 25
Cash in hands of Treasurer to this date,		\$799 37

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD FOR LIABILITIES.

DR.

Due the State, balance of State tax, for 1869,	\$200 00
" several school districts, money unex- pended for 1869,	115 50
" F. W. B. Society, ministerial fund for 1867,	17 91
" several religious societies, interest on ministerial fund for 1870,	53 73
" several school districts, interest on school fund,	44 25
" Oliver L. Allen, on note or order,	321 18
" James O. Applebee, on note or order,	134 62
" Emily A. Cook, on note or order,	323 30
" John Clark,	1,000 00
" Mahala Durrell,	380 00
" Eliza Furber,	359 39
" Mary Garland,	68 00
" Jonathan Gage,	239 30
" David Grant,	250 16
" Abby G. Hutchins,	426 16
" Betsey L. Hutchins,	252 90
" Nancy P. Hutchins,	79 50
" Susan Hutchins,	925 38
" Elijah Horn,	563 92
" Frank Hobbs,	1,755
" Martha B. Horn,	338 84
" Sarah A. Kimball,	260 76
" Elijah A. Lane,	445 20
" Harrison Libbey,	1,420 40
" T. W. Lyford,	853 30
" Harriet A. Maleham,	590 42
" Joseph Maleham,	106 00
" William A. Maleham,	50 00
" E. H. Paul,	106 00

Amount carried forward,\$11,681 12

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$11,681 12
Due John Paul on note,	300 00
" Nathaniel Paul,	1,030 00
" B. Penny,	439 90
" Z. S. Perkins,	516 00
" S. A. Quimby,	121 00
" Richard Rowe.	349 68
" Annie H. Sawyer,	651 90
" John G. Sanborn,	1,038 80
" Oliver Seavey,	342 02
" A. S. Weeks,	74 20
" Joseph B. Wiggin,	1,008 00
" Otis Wiswall,	261 03
" Samuel Yeaton,	200 00
" Lydia Burley,	1,025 62
" Amasa Copp,	3,109 17
" Sally C. Weeks,	208 00
" Lydia Gilman,	488 24
" Moses B. Canney,	527 73
" Joseph Maleham,	308 50
" Albert L. Dow,	102 50
" Frank Hobbs,	512 91
" Jacob Lock,	101 50
" Nathan J. Weeks,	101 50
" William H. Lord,	202 00
" John Clark,	101 00
" Hiram Lord,	555 50
" Sylvester G. Canney,	504 00
" Lyman Buzzell,	553 00
" John G. Sanborn,	2,008 32
" Calvin Sanborn,	1,001 82
" Calvin Sanborn,	306 60
" Martin L. Sanborn,	500 88
" Amy W. Sanborn,	1,001 82
" James H. Buzzell,	1,001 77

Amount carried forward,

\$32,236 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32,236 03
Due Laura A. Weeks,	100 24
" A. D. Paul,	650 75
" I. T. Clark, when he settles his list of taxes for 1867,	50 00
" I. T. Clark, when he settles list of taxes for 1868,	60,00
" George H. Gage, when he settles list of taxes for 1869,	30 00
<i>Amount of liabilities,</i>	\$33,100 97
By moneys due the town,	7,663 17

Leaving a balance against the town of \$25,437 80

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD, BY MONEYS DUE.

Due from I. T. Clark, on his tax list for 1865,	\$4 76
" " " " 1866,	2 20
" " " " 1867,	125 00
" " " " 1868,	601 00
" from George H. Gage, on his tax list for 1869,	2,881 84
U. S. Government for bounties,	3,000 00
County of Carroll,	250 00
Amount in hands of Treasurer,	799 37
	\$7,663 17

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State Tax in part,	\$2,002 00
" County Tax,	1,903 53
" Schools,	1,184 45
" Town Paupers,	812 86
" County Paupers,	983 94
" Highways and Bridges,	1,825 14
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	
	\$8,711 92

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$8,711 92
Paid Breaking roads in 1868,	118 45
" " " 1869,	1,291 45
" Abatements,	227 76
" Incidentals,	95 52
" Town Notes and Interest,	16,998 85
" Outstanding Pauper bills,	165 50
" Religious Societies,	35 82
" Collector non-resident highway taxes, paid in labor,	38 58
" Town Officers,	250 40
	\$27,934 25

RECEIVED.

By balance from Treasurer for 1868,	\$943 14
" proceeds of Town Notes,	15,509 68
" State Literary Fund,	59 27
" Savings Banks,	181 06
" William Sawyer,	28 74
" U. S. Government Bounties,	90 00
" County of Carroll,	979 04
" of George L. Wentworth, for old iron,	2 45
" of William A. Maleham,	71 50
" I. T. Clark, Col. for 1864,	4 95
" I. T. Clark, " " 1865,	19 51
" I. T. Clark, " " 1866,	58 49
" I. T. Clark, " " 1867,	375 00
" I. T. Clark, " " 1868,	1,721 00
" received of Geo. H. Gage, 1869,	8,689 79
	\$28733 62

Received,	\$28,733 62
Paid out,	27,934 25

In Treasury	\$799 47
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ELIJAH WADLEIGH,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Wakefield.</i>
EBENEZER GARVIN,	
JAMES McN. COOK,	

MARCH 3, 1870.

We, the subscribers, having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, report that we find them correctly cast and well vouched.

ALVAH H. SAWYER,	} <i>Auditors</i> <i>of</i> <i>Wakefield.</i>
MORRILL B. SMITH,	
JOHN W. SANBORN,	

NAMES OF TOWN PAUPERS

WHO HAVE BEEN HELPED AS SUCH THE PAST YEAR : —

Rhoda K. Witham,	
Louisa Nutter,	Jane Waldron,
Daniel Quimby,	Child of Benj. Allen,
Mary Wentworth,	Harriet S. Cook,
Sally Philbrick,	Betsey Dame.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF WAKEFIELD.

REPORT.

In an agricultural community like our own, it is sometimes intimated that the interests of education cannot be well sustained, because there are not pecuniary resources sufficient to keep schools in constant operation; and the children and youth are so early initiated into the arts of industry, it is thought that they may not be expected to make very great progress in their education. But why? Is it supposed that there is something in these early toils that will repress the aspirings of youthful minds? Indolence, and luxury, and intemperance, with their kindred vices, have a depressing and debasing influence, and often destroy the capacity for high attainments; but never has it been found that a reasonable amount of work in agricultural pursuits, has had a tendency to dwarf either the bodies or the minds of youth. The curse that has so long rested on the laboring class has been partially removed; it is now seen that the direst effects of the apostasy are experienced by the opposite class. In the progress of events, we have agricultural schools and colleges. They are effecting an important change, so that we may expect to have, not only "learned blacksmiths," but learned artisans, and skilful laborers in all the industrial enterprises; and that the demand for men, like the Roman Cincinnatus, who shall have a controlling influence in the government of the nation, will at length be met. If it may be said, not only that he who with strong arms clears away the primeval forest, and lets in the light of the sun upon his mountain home, or he who causes his broad fields on the prairie to bloom and whiten in richer loveliness, but "he who makes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before, is a benefactor," then truly such work should be regarded as ennobling. We cannot fully estimate its importance. It involves the material

interests of the whole nation, and of the civilized world. It furnishes the daily bread of the whole race. We accredit to those who are born heirs of wealth in cities and larger towns superior advantages in their permanent schools; but we will not undervalue the birthright of the children who breathe the vital air among the granite hills. In just such schools as are provided for them, youthful minds have been started on their career of high attainments, and have become prepared for an honorable service in the most responsible relations.

Some of the brightest gems may still be found among the mountains. The blocks of marble and granite even, that are rough-hewed there, may be wrought into the fairest temple. In one respect at least, the children in our communities have an advantage over those who live amid the smoke and confusion of the crowded city. They commence their education before they enter the school, with the book of nature open before them, and surrounded with objects just as God made them. Here, the parent or teacher who loves to watch the operations of inquisitive minds, finds a most favorable opportunity to try an experiment in object teaching. They gaze on objects that are arrayed in all their sublimity and beauty, and that cannot fail to awaken admiration, and prompt a desire to know more about the works and ways of their glorious Author. That knowledge of the work of the field and the garden, which is thus early acquired, is in itself an important part of a useful education. By it susceptible minds are expanded and invigorated for higher attainments.

Our schools are generally too limited in their operations. They still need to be greatly improved, but they have accomplished a good work in past time. They are still conferring blessings on the rising race. We will be thankful for the good results that have been witnessed in their operations the past year.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer Term. — Length 6 weeks; whole number of scholars 20; average attendance 18; instances of tardiness 18; of dismissals 8; not absent one half day 11.

Teacher, Miss LIZZIE C. FARNUM. — Miss Farnum kept a good school. Instruction was given in first rudiments with care, good order was maintained, progress of the school was very good.

Winter Term. — Length — weeks; whole number of scholars 26; average attendance 23; instances of tardiness 16; of dismissal 11; not absent one half day 10.

Teacher, Miss ANNA R. ESTES. — This school, under the care of a teacher who was thought to be well qualified, and who has kept several schools with good success, was found in a prosperous state at the commencement of the term. When it was last visited, there was evidence of improvement, but the result was not altogether satisfactory. A want of active interest, and of a spirit of prompt and cheerful subordination in some pupils seemed to indicate that harmony is still wanting in the counsels of the district. An institution like the district school, involving such important interests, needs, and it ought to have, the kindest co-operation of parents and committees, of teacher and scholars. Only a partial interruption may make the teacher's work a discouraging task, and cause the exercises of the school to drag on heavily. It occasions a wicked waste, for which somebody is held accountable. This school is now in operation.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term. — Length 11 weeks; whole number of scholars 37; average attendance 27; instances of tardiness 94; of dismissal 53.

Teacher, Miss CHARLOTTE J. MALEHAM. — Miss Maleham has taught two terms before in this district with good success. She sustained the operations of the school during this term with a renewed energy, and with very manifest good results. A good class in history, and the classes in geography sustained the interest of these studies in the examination. A class of two attended to natural philosophy.

Winter Term. — Length 14 weeks; whole number of scholars 33; average attendance 27; instances of tardiness 24; of dismissal 34; not absent one half day 1.

Teacher, Mr. CHARLES W. SANBORN. — This school is still in operation, and has had only a partial examination. The teacher has directed the operations of the school with characteristic energy, and given thorough instruction. In the examination of the classes in arithmetic there was evidence that they had been drilled with reference to a practical application of the principles involved in the recitation. The class in geography had been required to draw outline maps. We regard this as a very useful exercise, not only because it tends to fix a more definite knowledge of places, but because it is a partial substitute for lessons in drawing. Such lessons ought to receive more attention. The exercises of the examination were sustained with credit. Good order and discipline were maintained. A class of six recited in algebra, and one in Latin. We have not generally regarded this as a difficult school, but the teacher had forces in reserve for an emergency, and we are happy to report him as “master of the situation.”

DISTRICT No. 3.

Fall Term. — Length 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars 13 ; average attendance 9 ; instances of tardiness 18 ; dismissal 9 ; not absent one half day 1.

Teacher, Miss JANE COOK. — This small district was favored with the instruction of an efficient and thorough teacher. In her order of exercises every part of the teacher's work seemed to receive some due share of attention with a regard to the age and attainments of her pupils. The Committee beg permission to remind the citizens of this district, that the inside finish of their schoolhouse has been neglected for quite a number of years. They cannot all feel the personal interest of those who have children to send there ; but they are, we trust, all patrons of learning. Somebody's children will need to be educated there. It is a good and honorable work to make a schoolhouse pleasant and comfortable.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term. — Length 7 weeks ; whole number of scholars 17 ; average attendance 13 ; instances of tardiness 122 ; of dismissal 46 ; not absent one half day 5.

Winter Term. — Length 7 weeks ; whole number of scholars 11 ; average attendance 9 ; instances of tardiness 46 ; of dismissal 18 ; not absent one half day 1.

Teacher, of both terms, Miss MARY E. GARVIN. — This was the first school of a young teacher in her home district. At the commencement of the school there were indications of good success. The teacher was active in her efforts to impart instruction, and maintained good order. There was evidence in the examination at the close of each term, that the scholars then present had made improvement that was very creditable to both teacher and scholars. We regret the necessity of again reporting some dissatisfaction in this school, and the withdrawal of some of the scholars. When it is supposed that there is just cause for dissatisfaction, we think that some different mode of seeking redress would be more honorable, and better for all concerned.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Fall Term. — Length 17 weeks ; whole number of scholars 21 ; average attendance 16 ; instances of tardiness 30 ; of dismissal 12.

Teacher, Miss MARIA B. ESTES. — This district had but one term, extending through the fall into winter. At the commencement of the term the indications were favorable. The school was organized under good regulations. At the closing examination, only a part of the pupils were present. The other part were absent on leave to attend the examination of another school. The visit of the Committee was not expected on that day. In the examination of those present, there was evidence of good improvement. It is thought that the teacher gave general satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term.—Length 10 weeks; whole number of scholars 16; average attendance 14; instances of tardiness 42; of dismissal 14; number not absent one half day 1.

Teacher, Miss SARAH E. SANDERS.—This teacher performed her duty with persevering fidelity, and with manifest good results. The order and progress of the school were creditable.

Winter Term.—Length — weeks; whole number of scholars 21; average attendance 17; instances of tardiness 5; of dismissal 3; not absent one half day 2.

Teacher, Miss BETSEY A. CANNEY.—This school is still in a state of progress. It has been visited twice. The teacher was found at work with a purpose. We feel assured that an awakened interest will be sustained, and that it will be brought to a close with very good success.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term.—Length 7 weeks; whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 16; instances of tardiness 10; of dismissal 5; not absent one half day 7.

Teacher, Miss HATTIE A. A. BROOKS.—This was the first school of a new teacher, kept in her home district. Her kind interest in her pupils, and her faithful endeavors to communicate instruction, resulted in the manifest improvement of the school; but the results in discipline were not quite satisfactory. We trust that with a firmer purpose in government, she will persevere and become a very useful teacher.

Winter Term.—Length 9 weeks; whole number of scholars 21; average attendance 16; instances of tardiness 6; of dismissal none.

Teacher, Miss ABBIE A. HOBBS.—This teacher possesses some good qualifications. The order and progress of her school were thought to be commendable.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Summer Term.—Length 18 weeks; whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 13; instances of tardiness 35; of dismissal 30; not absent one half day 4.

Teacher, Miss LUCY A. HILL.—This is the third summer this teacher has taught the school in her home district with good success. She conducted the exercises of the school with active interest and increasing skill.

In the examination there was very satisfactory evidence of good improvement. Good order was maintained. The register contains a commendation in behalf of 14 pupils in this school, who did not whisper during the term.

Winter Term.—Length 12 weeks; whole number of scholars 14; average attendance 13; instances of tardiness 9; of dismissal 1; not absent one half day 6.

Teacher, Miss LUCIE A. JENNESS.—By her active energy, this teacher awakened an interest in the exercises of the school that was well sustained. There was evidence in the examination of thorough instruction, and of some due regard to first rudiments. She kept an excellent school. One pupil pursued the study of algebra and geometry.

DISTRICT No. 9.

This district has made another experiment of the graded system in their school with good success.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Summer Term.—Length 7 weeks; whole number of scholars 41; average attendance 36; instances of tardiness 39; of dismissal 54; not absent one half day 14.

Winter Term.—Length 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 31; average attendance 27; instances of tardiness 56; of dismissal 47; not absent one half day 6.

Teacher of both terms, Miss LAURA A. FALL.—Miss Fall has sustained the interests of this school during the

whole year, including two terms of private tuition, with very commendable success. The improvement of her pupils is thought to be good.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Summer Term.—Length 7 weeks; whole number of scholars 18; average attendance 15; instances of tardiness 9; of dismissal 23; not absent one half day 6.

Teacher, Miss A. S. WHITNEY.—We regard Miss Whitney as a good teacher. The school made improvement under her faithful care, but she did not give full satisfaction to all concerned.

Winter Term.—Length 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 31; average attendance $28\frac{1}{2}$; instances of tardiness 8; of dismissal 87; not absent one half day 8.

Teacher, Miss MARTHA E. LINCOLN.—Miss Lincoln is a well accredited, and thorough teacher. By her active energy, she awakened and sustained an increasing interest in the exercises of this school. The results were very satisfactory to the Committee who had the special care of the school in this district. Instruction was given in the High School in Physiology, Book-keeping, Algebra, and Latin. Both schools had two private terms, which were free for the whole district. The good work that has been so successfully commenced, and sustained by the generous liberality of the citizens of Union, is full of interest.

So much valuable instruction, combining, we trust, the religious element, cannot fail to become a lasting blessing to the youthful generation thus highly favored.

Let these schools be guarded by a vigilant Committee, who shall provide well qualified teachers, who are willing to be held responsible for good instruction, and good discipline, and they will become an example for the whole town.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Winter Term.—Length 10 weeks; whole number of scholars 10; average attendance 9; instances of tardiness 25; of dismissal 30; not absent one half day 1.

Teacher, MR. GEORGE W. DELAND. — This was the first trial of a new teacher, who directed the operations of this school under some disadvantages. Had it been the purpose of all in the district at the commencement of the term, to have a good school, we think the success of the teacher would have been good. Certainly, the few who were present at the close of the school, sustained an examination with much credit. But the prosperity of this school was partially interrupted, by a want of union in the counsels of the district, which resulted in the withdrawal of a part of the scholars. A division in a district no larger than this, makes it like a house divided against itself. Let a generous spirit of harmony prevail in the district, and the good results will be seen in the prosperous state of the school.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer Term.—Length 5 weeks; whole number of scholars 17; average attendance 14; instances of tardiness 2; of dismissal 4; not absent one half day 10.

Winter Term.—Length 8 weeks; whole number of scholars 19; average attendance 16; instances of tardiness 8; of dismissal 10; not absent one half day 6.

Teacher of both terms, Miss ROSE A. MERROW.—In conducting the exercises of this school, the teacher's prompt and active interest awakened a corresponding spirit in her pupils. At the close of each term the evidence of improvement was creditable. We commend the skilful method of the teacher in imparting instruction orally to a young class in grammar and geography, who had not used a text-book. The class manifested a very lively interest in their examination. What they had learned in these branches did not divert their attention from other lessons. This school, so increased in numbers and in interest, will, we are assured, continue to advance under the care of good teachers. We should be glad to report that the inside finish of the schoolhouse is completed.

Whole number of scholars connected with the schools during the year 306 ; average attendance 213.

We are not furnished with the items necessary to estimate the amount expended for each scholar, but for the year previous to the last, it was three dollars and fifty-two cents. It will be a little more for the last year. This amount expended for the cultivation of an intelligent mind, contrasted with what is expended annually for food and raiment of the frail body, certainly does not appear over generous.

One hundred and two are reported by the teachers as not absent one-half day during their terms. This truly is a very creditable record for one-third of the whole number of scholars. The instances of tardiness, six hundred and thirty-one, demand the attention of parents. They are charged principally to a few districts. What merchant, or mechanic, or farmer would be satisfied with such a want of punctuality? If it were practiced by his own children they would be corrected; and if by others they would be dismissed from his employment. In a few schools dismissals seem to have become the rule, and attention through the whole session the exception. We think the dismissal should be the exception. Parents may have different views. But children who are old enough to be sent to school will not, we think, be injured by remaining through the whole session with the due care of teachers to make sufficient changes in the exercises of the school. It will be better for the children and less trouble for the teacher when the rule becomes established.

Your Committee, not from any mere love of change, have recommended a change in the series of readers used in the schools. The Progressive series had been used for a longer course of years than usual, and the desire for a change had often been intimated as essential to the best interests of the schools. The National series of Readers, and Speller by Watson and Parker have been introduced; and by the aid of teachers, almost an entire exchange has been made throughout the schools. The new books have

been received with favor, and have, we trust, awakened some new interest in the reading exercises.

The terms of the schools, on the average, have been a little longer than for several past years. The teachers employed have discharged their duty generally with a good measure of fidelity. We have had some excellent schools. In others there were some partial interruptions, and the results were not quite satisfactory. But we do not think that teachers ought to be held responsible for all the defects of the schools. A work so full of interest often involves difficulties, to which a load of oppression may be added, by a want of the kind co-operation and the unanimity of parents. Young teachers, who love this work, and who make some due estimate of its intrinsic importance, will not think it strange that they are again reminded of the duty to improve their qualifications in the best possible manner. The standard of qualifications is raised, with a special reference to a more thorough knowledge of the rudiments of learning, rather than to more extended attainments in higher branches. The Teachers' County Institute affords an opportunity for improving good qualifications, and it ought to be secured when it is consistent. We received notice of the session at Tamworth only a few days before it met. We did not regard it as reasonable at that time, that teachers who had just commenced a short term, should be required to leave their schools, and go there at their own charges. We think, however, that it would be good economy for each district to send their teacher to a session of the County Institute, at their own expense, and let the school wait for the improved qualifications with which he will direct its operations.

We regret that it is necessary to remind parents and Prudential Committees that their visits have been less frequent during the past year. In some districts the neglect has been almost entire. Why should it be so? They have often been assured that their visits afford encouragement to teachers and scholars, and that they have an influence in sustaining an awakened interest in the operations of the school.

Teachers are employed for the very purpose of aiding

parents in the education of their children. Why should they not manifest an interest in their work, and see that it is faithfully done?

Never before have our schools performed their operations with better success; and never before was their influence so important in preparing the youthful generation for the destiny to which they are born. They need to be greatly improved. Grateful for what they have accomplished the past year, let it be the generous purpose of every parent and every good citizen to sustain them in renewed vigor for the work of coming years. They are the children's inheritance, which must be faithfully transmitted with all their endowments. They ought to be guarded by that incessant vigilance by which the patriot attests his love of liberty. The Bible is one of their endowments. The right to possess it and to retain it in the schools is given by its divine Author. The "things that are revealed belong to us and to our children." But in the history of the noble institutions founded by the Pilgrims of New England, we have come to a crisis in which this right is called in question. When our system of public schools is sustained with such unexampled liberality and is extending with such rapidity, and producing results that awaken admiration as it reaches benighted minds, and its influence is like the light of the morning to many thousands of Freedmen, and is inspiring hope for millions more who are still shrouded in ignorance, the impious demand is made that the Bible should be taken from the schools. As well might they take the sun out of the Copernican system. The final results would not be more disastrous. But that demand has been made in some of our larger cities. It is pitiable to know that any Protestant teachers of science and religion have parleyed with the foe, and have given their consent to make trial of the wicked device. The schools and the seminaries of learning, enriched with all the accumulated wisdom of the ages, without the Bible inculcating its principles of a pure morality, and imparting its lessons of truth and mercy to both teachers and pupils, will never become successful in disseminating the principles of civil and religious liberty.

among the troubled nations, who are waiting in anxious expectation for their redemption. Such an experiment has been tried. It failed, and the ages of darkness rolled on while the reign of tyranny was maintained by the same power that now attempts to usurp the dominion and destroy our system of free schools. That is its aim now, openly avowed. It is a work of darkness, and the antagonistic forces combined in Romanism and infidelity are now operating with all the deceivableness of unrighteousness. The methods by which it is to be accomplished are planned with Jesuitical skill in the secret conclave of an Ecumenical Council. And how is this new conspiracy against our schools, and in effect against all our civil institutions to be resisted?

In New England, where the first schoolhouse was erected by the side of the church, and the first college was established with a special reference to the interests of revealed religion, we trust that such an arrogant interference with our dearest rights, will be met in a moral conflict that will extend from the city to every school district in the country. This invasion of the children's rights — this seizing of the altar of liberty with unhallowed hands ought everywhere to be rebuked — calmly, but with a steadfast purpose.

There are scenes of deepening interest, to which the youthful generation is hastening. The enterprises by which material interests are affected, and the systems of human government are modified, or changed, are urged forward with accelerated motion. They are soon to be the chief actors in such enterprises, and to sustain responsible relations, in which they may need, not only the wisdom of patriots, but the unswerving constancy of martyrs. It is our work to prepare them for such a destiny. Without the Bible in the schools, and the ordinances of religion well sustained, it cannot be faithfully performed. But we believe in the purposes of God. The powers of darkness will be confounded, and the reign of tyranny will at length cease. Our system of free schools will be perpetuated to the latest generation. Operating in concert with the institutions of the gospel, it will become instrumental in

communicating all that is good and useful in human knowledge, and extend an enlightening and redeeming influence to every part of the nation; and, at length, when the merciful designs of Heaven are fully accomplished, and the teachers' work perfected, the whole race will be educated, and the knowledge of God and his salvation will be extended to the ends of the earth.

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